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Industry Profile



Manufacturing Industry Report

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Manufacturing Industry Report

The Manufacturing Industry makes up 4.6% of Mesa County's total employment. The map above shows employment concentration in Mesa County. In 2021, Mesa County had 3,397 jobs available in the Manufacturing Industry. We expect this number to increase by 3.6% in 2022.



Note the location quotient for each zip code. A location quotient of 1.00 represents the average concentration for the Manufacturing Sector.

| ZIP | ZIP Name | Avg. Earnings Per Job | 2021 Location Quotient | 2022 Jobs |
|-------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 81505 | Grand Junction | \$60,596 | 0.97 | 1,107 |
| 81501 | Grand Junction | \$52,188 | 0.52 | 910 |
| 81521 | Fruita | \$62,455 | 0.72 | 354 |
| 81504 | Grand Junction | \$53,196 | 0.62 | 357 |
| 81526 | Palisade | \$44,074 | 1.27 | 199 |
| 81506 | Grand Junction | \$70,233 | 0.33 | 181 |
| 81503 | Grand Junction | \$53,967 | 0.68 | 186 |
| 81507 | Grand Junction | \$59,326 | 0.34 | 79 |
| 81527 | Whitewater | \$66,092 | 0.79 | 22 |

Top Regional Businesses

| Business Name | Industry Name | Business Size |
|---------------------|--|---------------|
| Cpc Solutions | Commercial Printing | 132 |
| Fiberglass Shop | All Other Transportation Equipment Manufacturing | 129 |
| Ametek Inc | Instrument Manufacturing for Measuring and Testing Electricity and Electrical Signal | 100 |
| Mcjfa | Cut Stock, Resewing Lumber, and Planning | 62 |
| Ptarmigan Vineyards | Wineries | 44 |

Source: DatabaseUSA.com Business Level Data

Top 10 Occupations and 5-year outlook

| Description | Employed in Industry (2022) | Employed in Industry (2027) | % Change (2022 - 2027) | % of Total Jobs in Industry (2021) | Median Hourly Earnings | Typical Entry Level Education | Typical On-The-Job Training |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators | 172 | 182 | 6% | 5.1% | \$16.40 | High school diploma or equivalent | Moderate-term on-the-job training |
| First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers | 157 | 173 | 10% | 4.6% | \$29.14 | High school diploma or equivalent | None |
| Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products | 155 | 168 | 8% | 4.5% | \$26.99 | High school diploma or equivalent | Moderate-term on-the-job training |
| Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Operators | 130 | 136 | 5% | 3.9% | \$18.30 | High school diploma or equivalent | Moderate-term on-the-job training |
| Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers | 116 | 119 | 3% | 3.5% | \$15.70 | High school diploma or equivalent | Moderate-term on-the-job training |
| Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers | 112 | 128 | 14% | 3.2% | \$21.44 | High school diploma or equivalent | Moderate-term on-the-job training |
| Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks | 102 | 108 | 6% | 3.0% | \$16.80 | High school diploma or equivalent | Short-term on-the-job training |
| Food Batchmakers | 99 | 101 | 3% | 3.0% | \$17.90 | High school diploma or equivalent | Moderate-term on-the-job training |
| Sewing Machine Operators | 101 | 119 | 18% | 2.8% | \$16.70 | No formal educational credential | Short-term on-the-job training |
| Machinists | 83 | 95 | 15% | 2.4% | \$21.39 | High school diploma or equivalent | Long-term on-the-job training |

Most industry specific occupations listed above are expected to experience major job growth over the next five years.

| Description | 2021 Resident Workers | Avg. Annual Openings | Applicants per job opening | Pct. 10 Hourly Earnings | Pct. 25 Hourly Earnings | Median Hourly Earnings | Pct. 75 Hourly Earnings | Pct. 90 Hourly Earnings |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products | 1,194 | 119 | 10.0 | \$13.87 | \$18.03 | \$26.73 | \$37.22 | \$51.20 |
| Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks | 702 | 63 | 11.2 | \$13.07 | \$13.82 | \$16.81 | \$19.23 | \$23.94 |
| First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers | 406 | 47 | 8.6 | \$17.95 | \$22.61 | \$29.22 | \$37.71 | \$47.29 |
| Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers | 138 | 18 | 7.8 | \$14.34 | \$14.34 | \$15.86 | \$18.22 | \$23.10 |
| Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators | 432 | 51 | 8.5 | \$13.57 | \$14.20 | \$16.88 | \$19.43 | \$22.59 |
| Food Batchmakers | 151 | 20 | 7.6 | \$13.50 | \$14.85 | \$17.44 | \$20.22 | \$21.66 |
| Machinists | 141 | 20 | 7.1 | \$14.50 | \$17.82 | \$21.89 | \$26.50 | \$32.93 |
| Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers | 345 | 42 | 8.1 | \$14.83 | \$17.96 | \$22.72 | \$28.73 | \$37.96 |
| Sewing Machine Operators | 161 | 28 | 5.8 | \$13.11 | \$13.88 | \$16.96 | \$18.17 | \$18.77 |
| Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Operators | 136 | 20 | 6.9 | \$14.43 | \$14.56 | \$18.27 | \$18.68 | \$23.18 |

Counties included in Western Slope: Mesa, Garfield, Montrose, and Delta counties.

Source: Lightcast

This table shows the relationship between the available labor pool and current employment in the key occupations. This can also be understood as the shortage or surplus of labor in each occupation. The average and percentile salary ranges are actual wage levels for those occupations, across all industry groups within the regions. In the table above, the wage rates highlighted in yellow represent wage scales which may have to be paid to new hires based on low or high regional demand for each of the key occupations.